

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
MONTH

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, for nearly two decades, one of my primary missions in Congress has been a simple one—to make our federal government a better partner to our local communities. Specifically, I believe we need to focus on making our families safer, healthier, and more economically secure by dealing with low-tech, high-impact, inexpensive solutions to some of society's most expensive problems. In many instances that means making the communities that our landscape architects know how to create, a reality. As an honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and humble recipient of the Olmsted Medal, it's an honor to highlight the importance of National Landscape Architecture Month and the many men and women who carry out this critical and visionary work.

National Landscape Architecture Month (NLAM) provides all of us—the professionals, the outside advocates like myself, and future designers—with an opportunity to more fully appreciate landscape architecture's benefits and contributions. In recognition of NLAM, I would like to highlight the landscape architecture profession and how landscape architects utilize design to make our lives not only better and more enjoyable by creating engaging public spaces, but also more secure by creating efficient, cost-effective infrastructure solutions. Landscape architecture connects the analysis, planning, design, management, and stewardship of the natural and built environments through science and design. The presence of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and landscape architect professionals in our communities has always been positive, and as the desire for livable spaces grows and the natural environment continues to get squeezed by increased urbanization, this profession will get significantly more attention.

During the month of April, landscape architects in my hometown of Portland, Oregon and across the country held public events showcasing the work of the profession that directly engage the public through local projects, speaking engagements, and in-school presentations. This year's theme, Career Discovery, introduced young people to landscape architecture as a possible career path and focused on introducing underrepresented minorities to the profession, illustrating the fundamentals of landscape architecture and design, and demonstrating how the profession can unlock human creativity and imagination to develop sustainable, livable spaces in communities across the Nation.

In addition to beautifying and making our communities more livable, in which people can walk, bike, or take public transportation, landscape architecture is a critical tool for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and responding to the effects of climate change and extreme weather events. The field is also making new strides to improve America's aging transportation infrastructure. Landscape architects are now incorporating multiuse transportation corridors that accommodate all

users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, people with disabilities, and people who rely on public transportation.

Landscape architecture also touches our everyday lives in the design of residential communities, commercial developments, and streetscapes. Landscape architects manage storm water and other water quality issues through green infrastructure practices—reducing runoff, improving water quality, and recharging groundwater supplies. The use of trees and vegetation in urban design are critical to a sustainable environment, and are major combatants to ground and water pollution.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing National Landscape Architecture Month and the contributions landscape architects are making to transform our aging infrastructure into well-planned communities across the Nation. Every day, these well-qualified, licensed professionals continue to lead the way in improving the lives and safety of the American people for generations, both present and future.

RECOGNIZING DENNIS BOUCHER
2014 PAUL BUNYAN "SERVICE
ABOVE SELF" AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, on "National Paul Bunyan Day," it is fitting to announce the incredibly deserving winner of the 2014 Paul Bunyan "Service Above Self" Award. Wisconsin's 7th District is home to the final resting place of Paul Bunyan, but the legend of this larger-than-life lumberjack is alive and well. Paul Bunyan is a symbol of might, the willingness to work hard, and the resolve to overcome all obstacles. This year's Paul Bunyan "Service Above Self" Award winner is Dennis Boucher of Marshfield. He embodies the larger-than-life spirit of Paul Bunyan and has gone above and beyond to improve our 7th District community.

Rural homelessness is a prevalent issue in our area. About 2 years ago, a group of community leaders, including Dennis, got together to brainstorm ways to address this issue. Discussions led to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society, which had a plot of land available that could be used to build transitional housing.

Dennis took up the mighty challenge of leading the effort to establish a transition housing facility for those in need in Marshfield.

According to his nominator, "From the moment of his involvement, Dennis has never wavered. He has, with quiet confidence and supreme faith, pushed the project forward such that today there is a fourteen apartment family homeless shelter in Marshfield. Currently, there are nine families housed there; soon to be eleven.

"Dennis has spent hours as a volunteer, charitable donation coordinator, construction worker, janitor, cook, and now as a volunteer to provide oversight to the shelter as we build a base of volunteers and paid staff to assure 24/7 supervision of the facility. There is no task too big or too small for Dennis to address with all of his energy. Dennis Boucher's impact on our community will continue for years to come."

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize this honorable man. On behalf of this body and my constituents, I'd offer to Dennis our congratulations and thanks for his invaluable commitment to our community and the people we strive to serve.

CONGRATULATING MR. HARRY C.
McCANN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the retirement of Harry C. McCann, Bucks County Director of Law Enforcement Training, I acknowledge his 25 years of exemplary service and commitment to the County of Bucks and his many contributions as an educator of municipal police officers and administration of justice students. As director, he developed, coordinated, and implemented training programs for more than 800 law enforcement officers in Bucks County's 42 outstanding police departments. These officers went on to save countless lives in South-eastern Pennsylvania—a lasting legacy well beyond his own retirement. Harry served as project manager for the county's DUI and expansive highway safety programs and was responsible for oversight of the Bucks County Department of Corrections In-Service and Correctional Academy programs. In wearing many hats, Harry McCann has demonstrated tireless service and leadership and, in so doing, has set an example for others who may follow in his path. I wish him happiness and continued success in all his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DIANA POTEAT STALLINGS HOBBY: SCHOLAR, PHILANTHROPIST, PUBLIC SERVANT AND PATRON OF THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and remember the late Diana Hobby, wife of former Texas Lt. Governor William P. Hobby, Jr. and one of the most accomplished and public spirited women in the history of the great State of Texas.

Diana Hobby died on Friday, July 4, 2014, in Houston, Texas after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease and cancer, with her beloved husband and four children at her bedside.

Diana Poteat Stallings Hobby, was born April 22, 1931, in New York, New York to Helen Poteat and Laurence Tucker Stallings and raised in North Carolina.

She was a brilliant student, graduating from the Chatham Hall School in 1948 and with honors from Radcliffe College in 1952 where she was also admitted to Phi Beta Kappa—the oldest honor society for Liberal Arts and Sciences in the United States.

On September 11, 1954, she married the love of her life, the dashing William P. "Bill" Hobby, the future Lt. Governor of Texas, who